RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 20th December, 1988/ 29th Agrahayana, 1910 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, before we take up today's agenda, I refer with sorrow to the passing away of Shri Umashankar Jethalal Joshi, a noted Gujarati poet and litterateur, who was a nominated Member of this House from April 1970 to April 1976.

Shri Umashankar Joshi, was born at Bamna in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat in July 1911 and had his education at Ahmedabad and Bombay. An eminent educationist be started his career as a teacher and rose to the position of Vice-Chancellor of the Gujarat University, in which capacity he served from 1966 to 1972. Shri Joshi made significant contribution towards the cause of Gujarati and Sanskrit languages, and had a large number of publications to this credit. His writings revealed a sharp intellect, clear vision and courage of conviction. Shri Joshi was imprisoned twice for taking part in the national movement. Recipient of many awards, including the Sahitya Akademi and Jnanpith Awards, Shri Joshi served as a member and Chairman of the Sahitya Akademi.

On account of his meritorious services in the field of literature, Shri Joshi was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in April, 1970.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Umashankar Joshi.

I request members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 1988 to unstarred Question 3098 regarding representations against selection by PESD

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, on behalf of Shri P. Chidambaram, I beg to lay on the Table a Statement correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on December 6, 1988, to Unstarred Question No. 3098 regarding representations against selection by P.E.S.D. [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-7206/88]

PAPERS LAID AN THE TABLE

I. **Report (1987-88) of the Bal Bhavan Society India, New Delhi and related papers.**

II. **Accounts (1987-88) of Bal Bhavan Society India, New Delhi and related papers.**

III **Report and Auditted Accounts (1987-88) of the Technical Teachers' Training Institute (Western Region), Bhopal and related papers.**

IV. **Report and Accounts (1987 88) of the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region), Kanpur and related papers.**

V. **Report (1987-88) of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table